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Enclosed herewith are the eleven (11) sheets of Formal Drawings (FIGs. 1A, 1B, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6A, 6B, 7, 8, and 9) for the above-referenced case. If the draftsperson has any questions concerning these drawings, please contact the undersigned at the number set forth below. If any fees are due in connection with the filing of these drawings, please charge such fees to deposit account 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P309).

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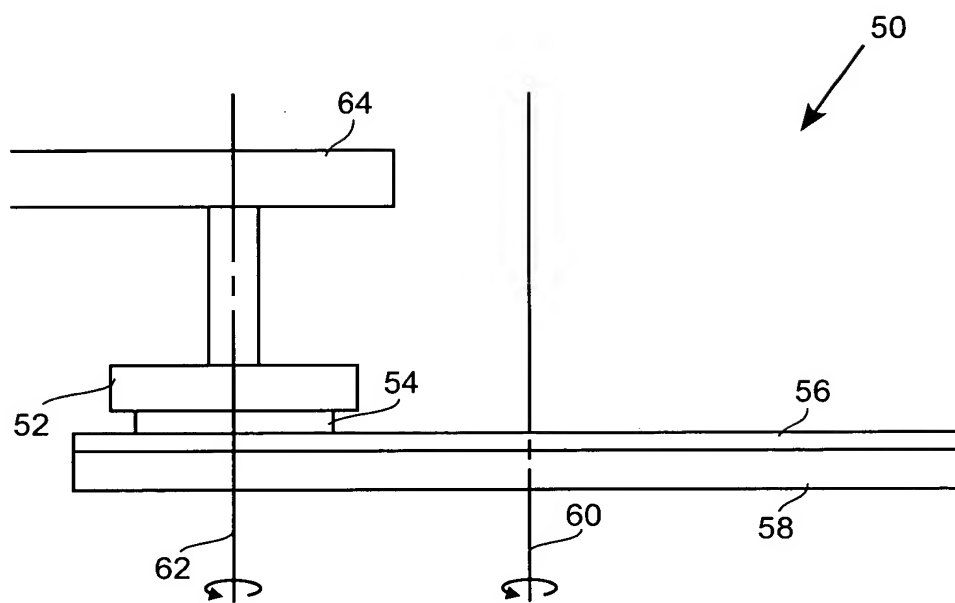


FIG. 1A
(Prior Art)

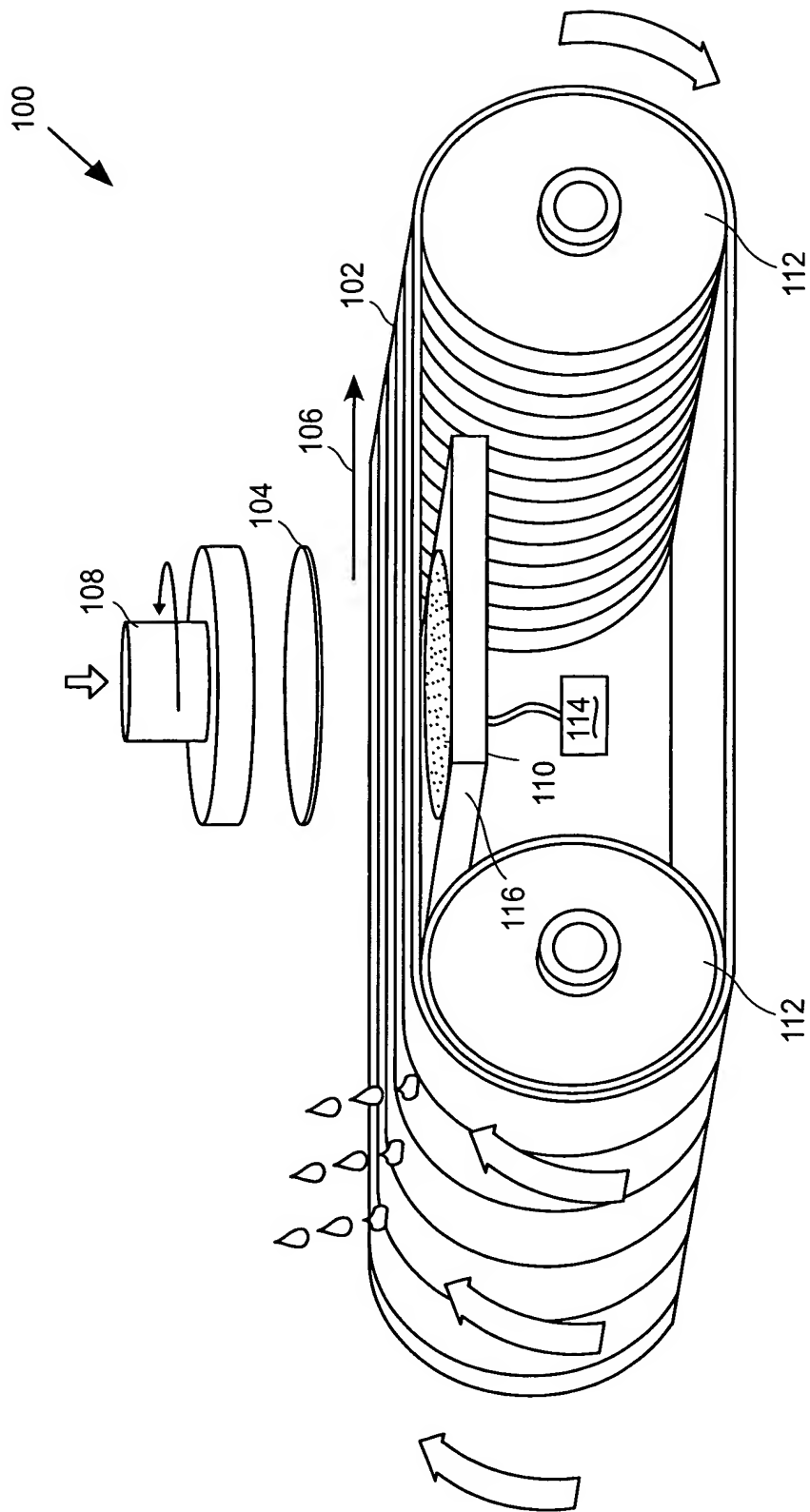


FIG. 1B

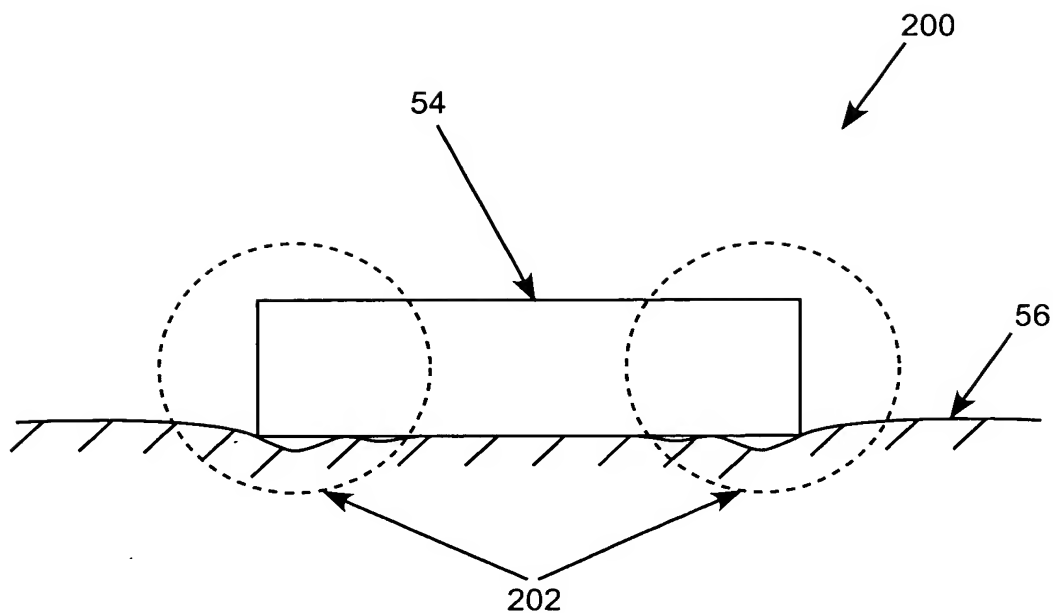


FIG. 2
(Prior Art)

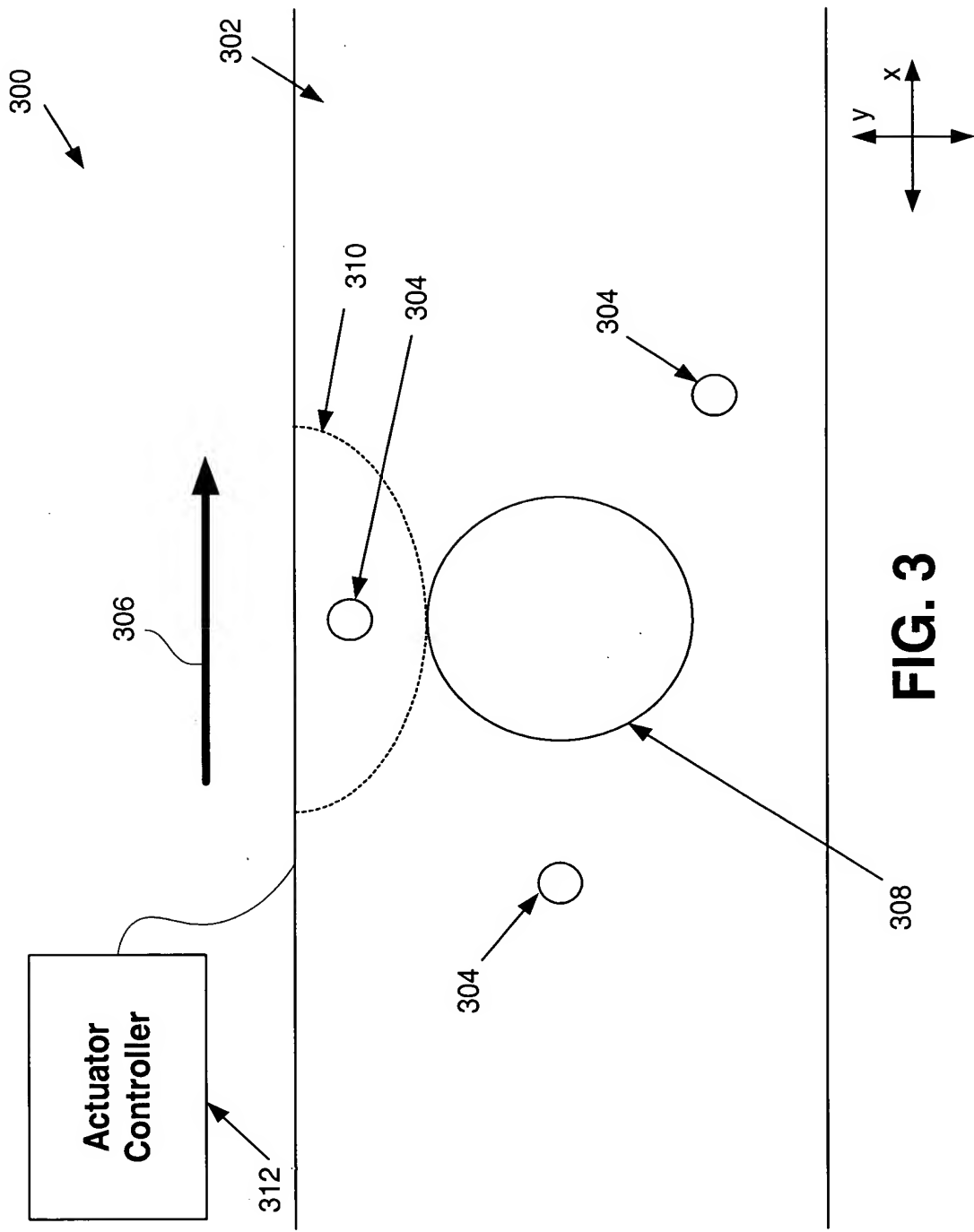


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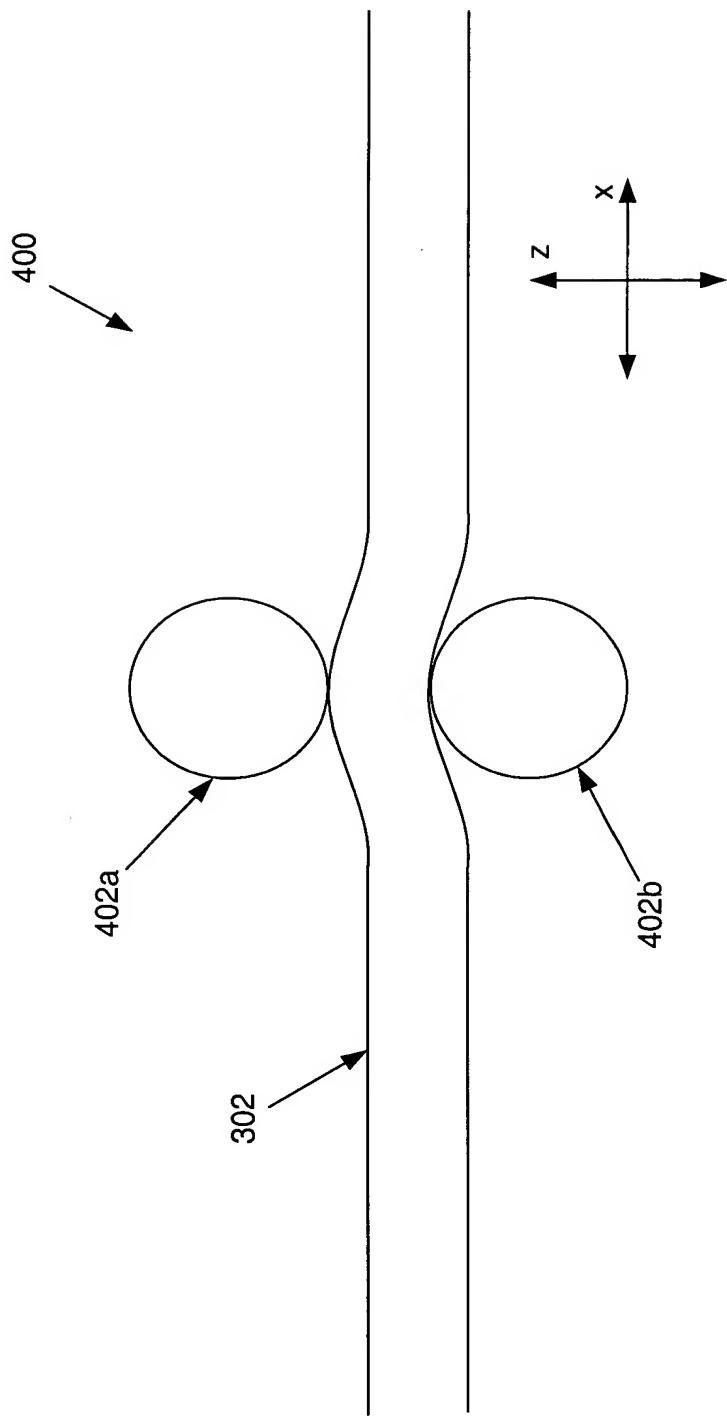


FIG. 4



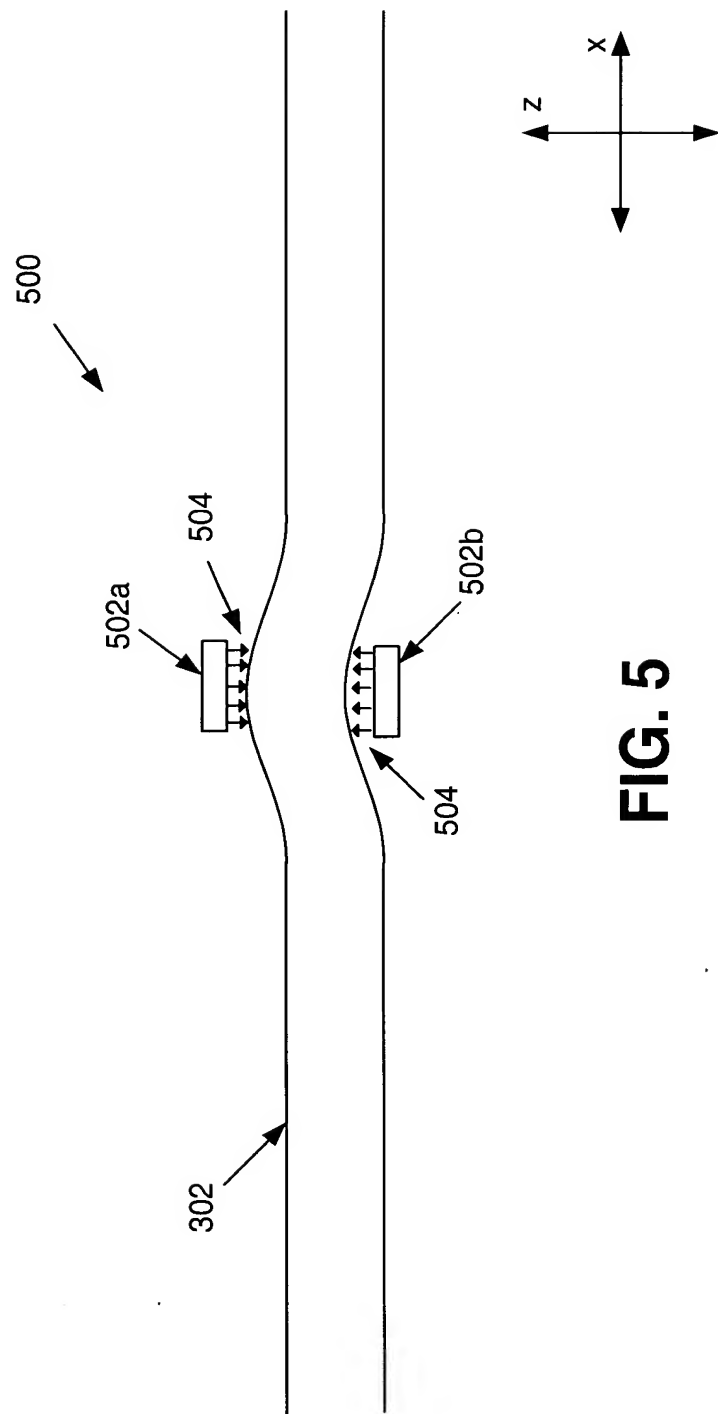


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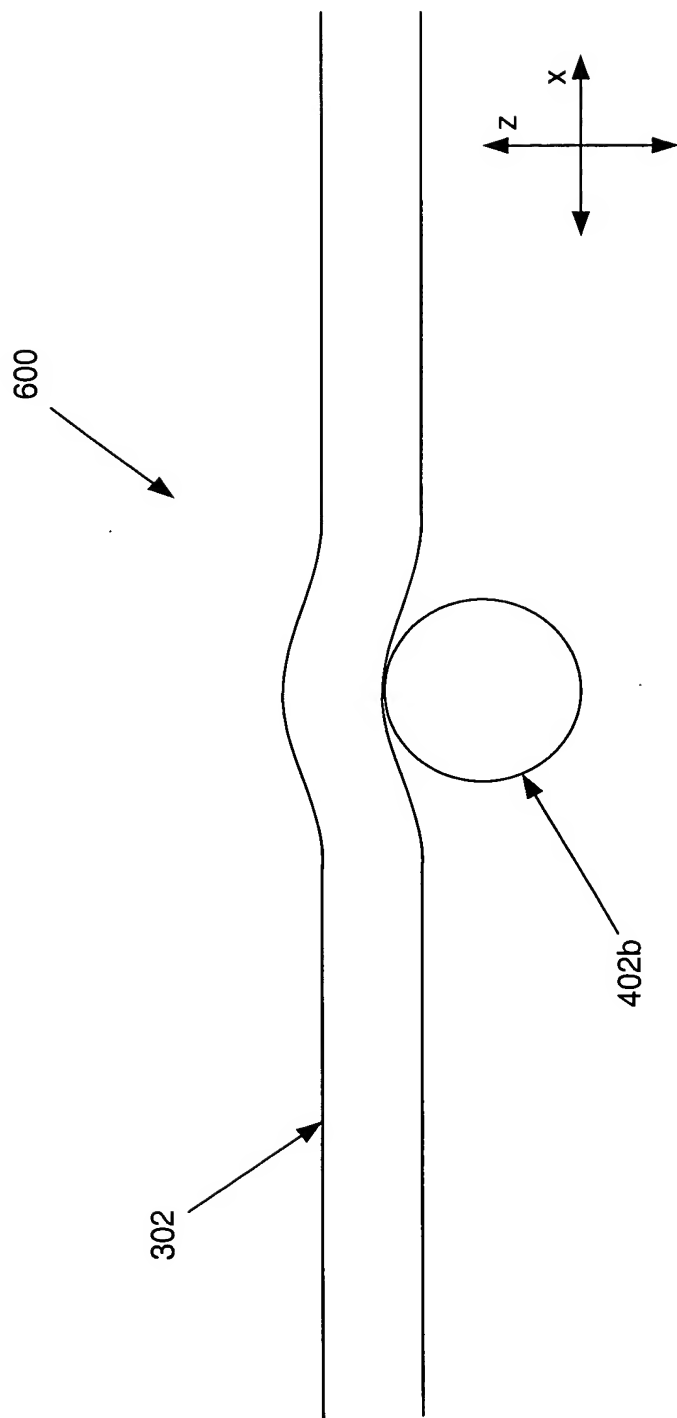


FIG. 6A

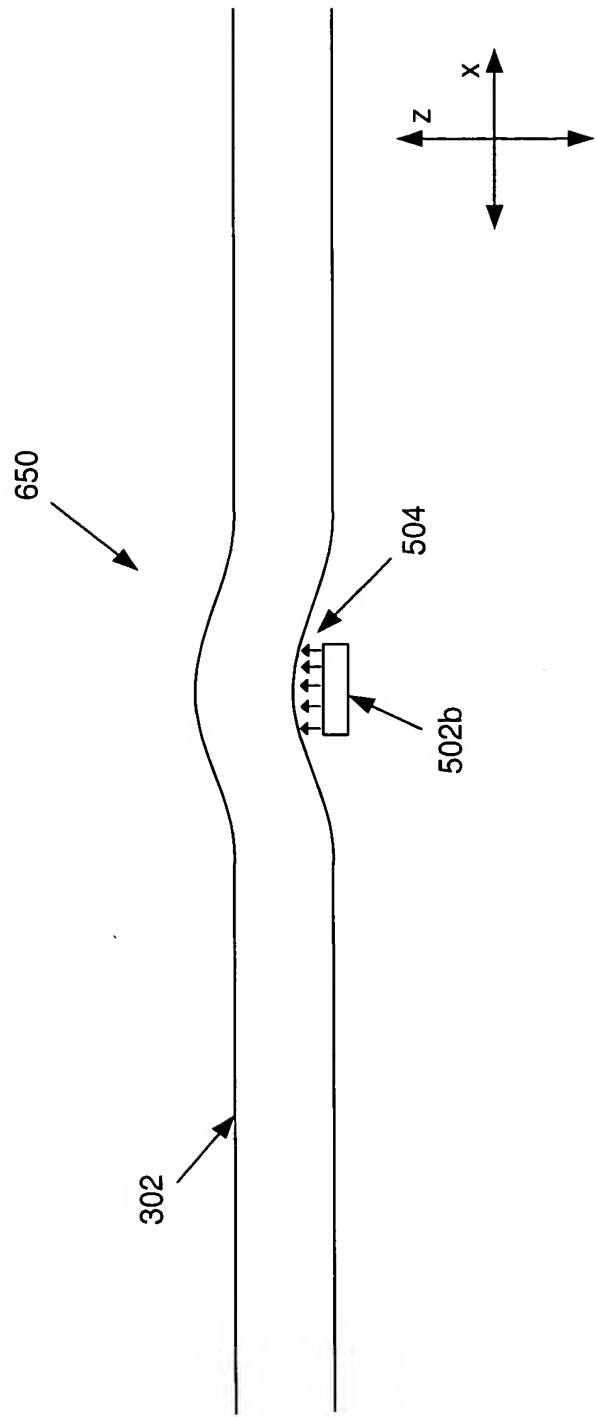


FIG. 6B

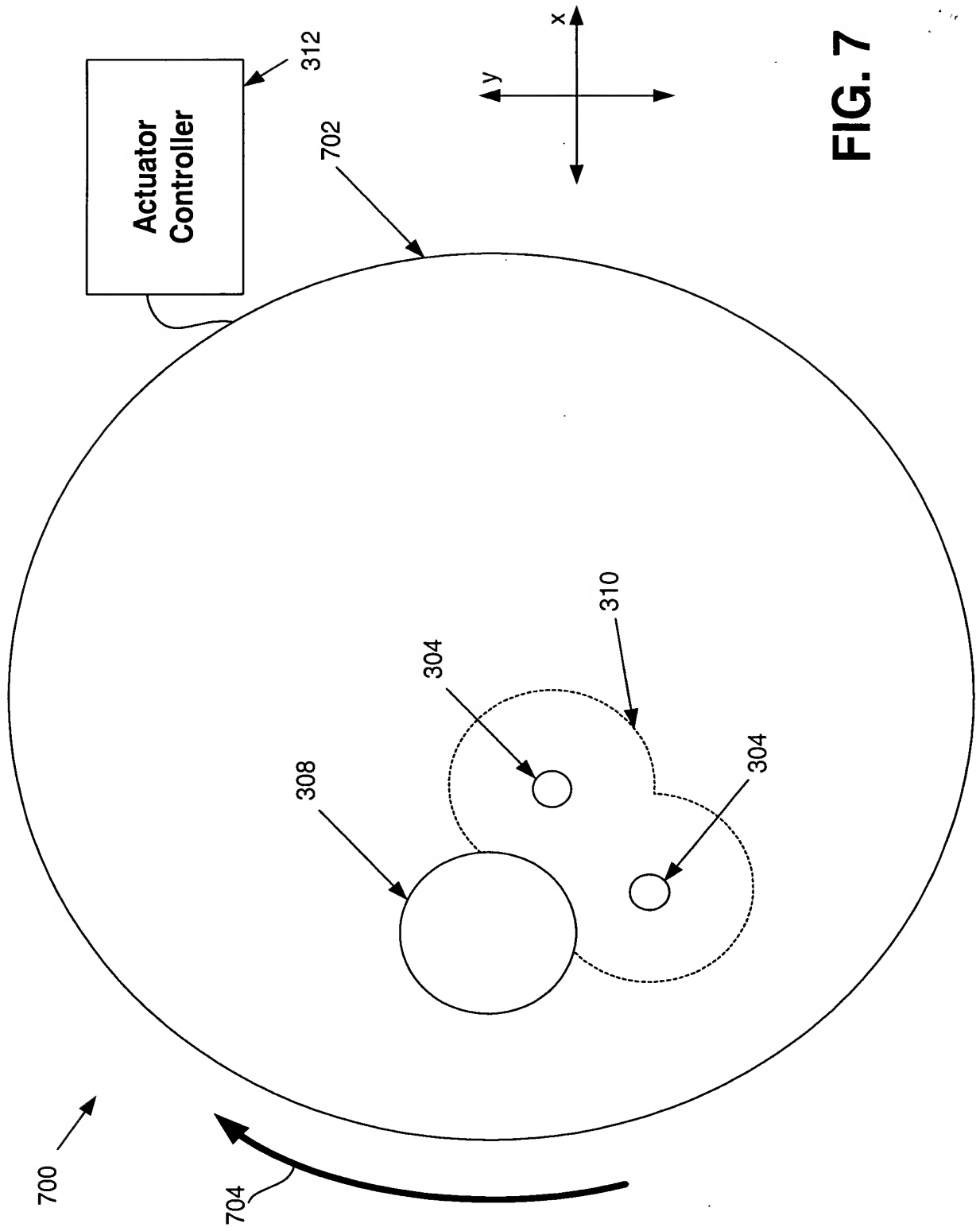


FIG. 7

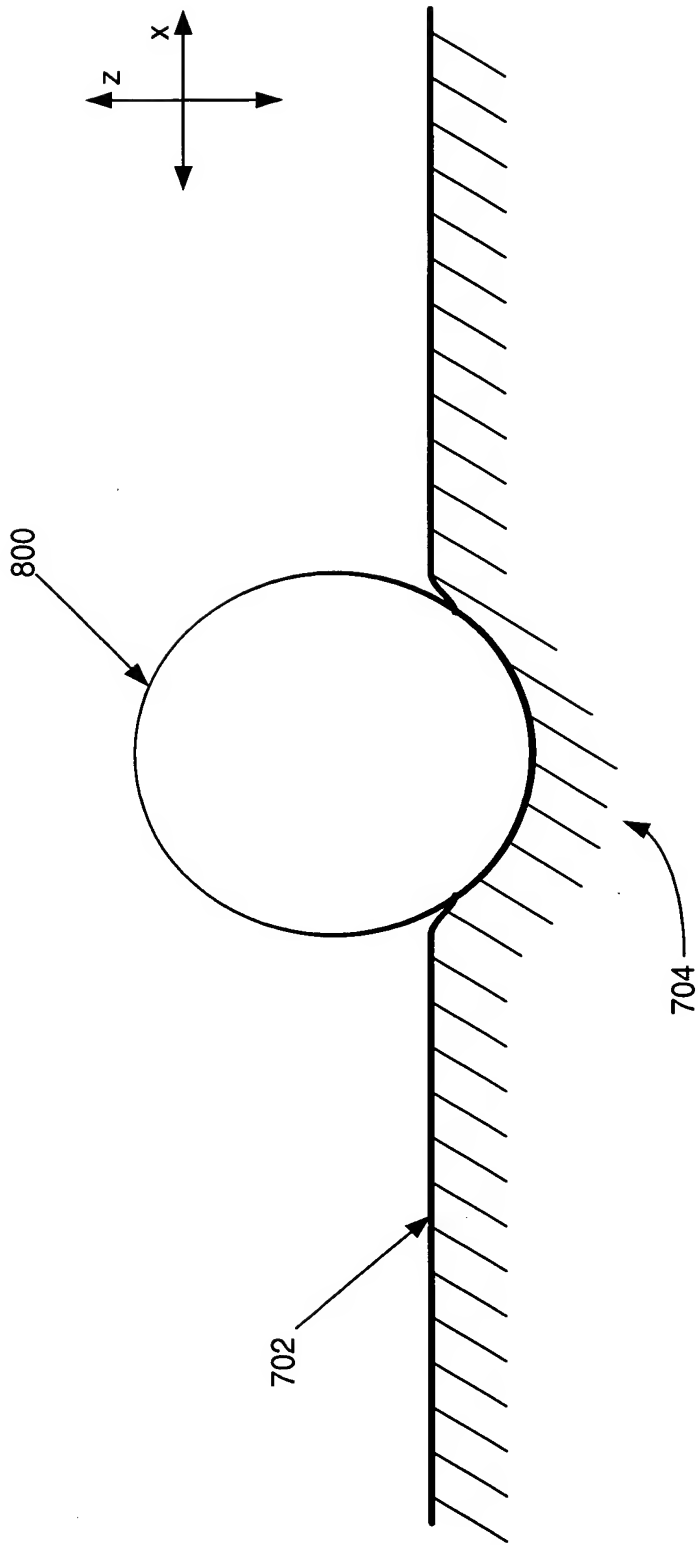


FIG. 8



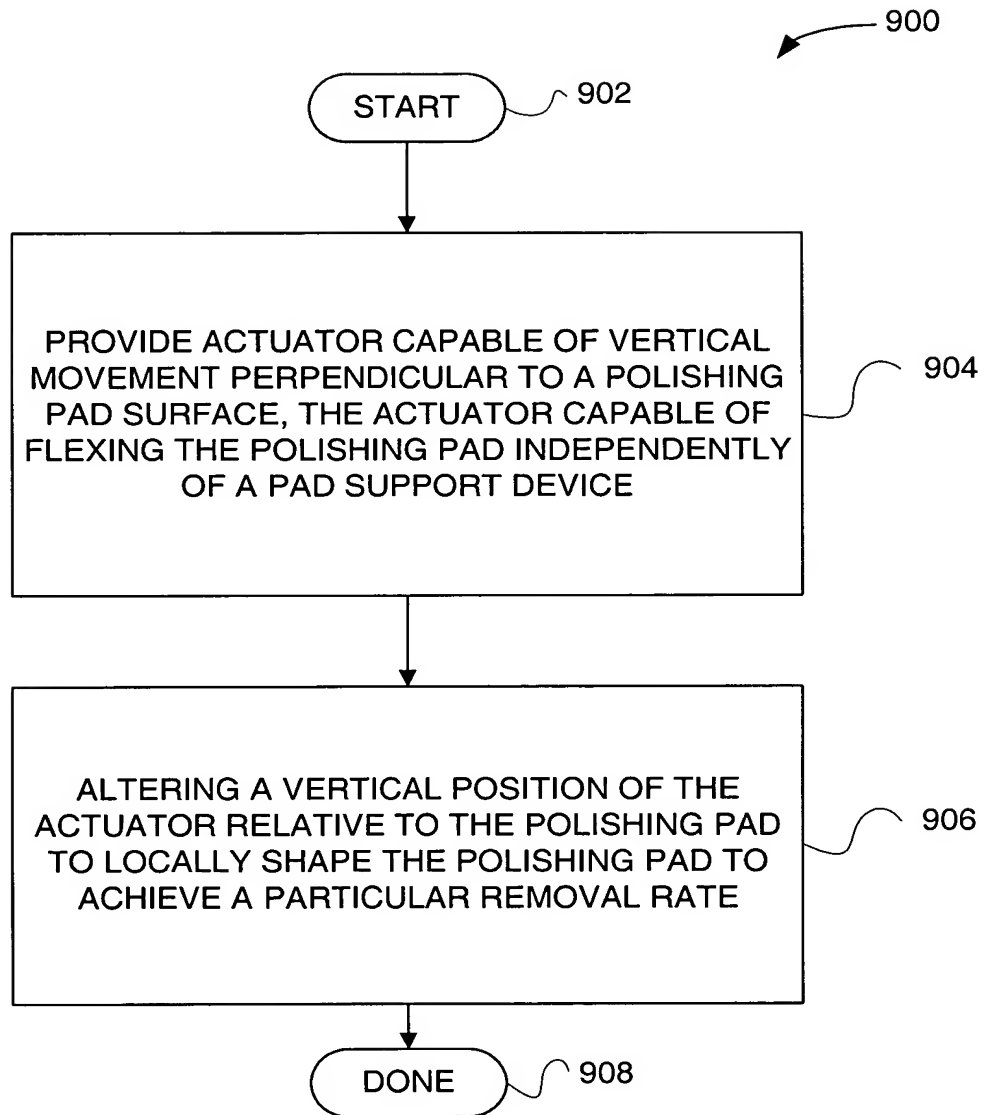


FIG. 9